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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 April 2008 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The claim amendment filed on 04/29/2008 cannot be entered because:

1. the applicant's statement "the Examiner's amendment to claims 7 and 16 differs from the amendment authorized by applicant's attorney..." is not true, because the amended part of the claims in the examiner's amendment only regards to the type of the medium, nothing else, which is further evidenced by the previous claim amendment filed on 02/21/2008 (see the corresponding claims); and
2. the amended limitation of "...executed by a digital [[audio]] signal processing device" for claim 7 substantially changes the claim scope

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